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## Caring Ministers Clown Around



On September 28, 1985, the clown ministry had the first experience of the new school year in clowning at Timberlake Nursing Center. The participants found the experience to be especially meaningful. One clown minister stated, "At first I was scared. I did not know how to act or what to say, but it was so natural when we got to the nursing home." Another comment was, "I can't believe how lonely those people are; they really need to know that someone cares about them." A resident of the nursing home said, "You don't know it, but you all made my day." A clown in ministry can touch so many people.

The next experience will be with Children's Mercy Hospital on Friday, October 25. They will first meet at 1:30 at the Campus Ministry Office (located in the tunnels between Marian Center and Carondelet Hall.) where they'll cover the purpose of the clown ministry and technical aspects of make-up application. Those planning to join should bring old mismatched clothing and some sort of hat. Make-up and transportation to Children's Mercy will be provided. They will return to Avila's campus around 5:00. Registration forms for joining clown ministry are available at various locations around campus. Information is also available at the Campus Ministry Office.

The purpose of the clown ministry can be summarized through the Clown's Prayer: "As I stumble through this life, help me to create more laughter than tears, dispense more happiness than glum, spread more cheer than despair. Never let me become so indifferent that I will fail to see the wonder in the eyes of a child or the twinkle in the eyes of the aged. Never let me forget that my total effort is to cheer people, make them happy and forget at least momentarily all the unpleasantness in their lives. And in my final moment, may I hear

you whisper: 'When you made my people smile, you made me smile.'"

Author Unknown

## Avila Provides Unique Child Care Services

By Rebecca J. Cisek

As of September 3, 1985, Avila College students are able to take advantage of an evening child care program. Avila's Child Care Center in Hodes Education Centre is now open from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday.

Run by Mrs. Peggy Hanson and coordinated by Dr. Kathy Meagher, Avila's Child Care Center seeks to provide a necessary service to students, faculty, and staff who are also parents. The program is designed for children ages two through five at a cost of \$1.00 per hour. Currently, 30-35 children use the center during the day while 3-8 are present each night. Parents may use the Child Care Center on a drop-in basis; no prior reservations are required. A registration and medical release form; however, must be completed on the first day the child is brought into the center. Parents are also required to sign their children in and out each time they use the center. While Avila's Child Care Center is not a day care center and does not provide meals or a structured teaching program, two spacious rooms with toys, a playground, and a non-crowded environment (maximum of twenty children at one time) are available. Mrs. Hanson is assisted by ten work-study students in caring for the children.

Besides the affordability, convenience, and the non-crowded atmosphere of the center, Dr. Kathy Meagher pointed out that the center

also provides a unique "mother image" in the person of its one director Peggy Hanson.

The 1985-86 school term is the first year that evening care has been available to the children. Parent requests prompted its creation, and, with sufficient response in this experimental stage, evening care will continue in upcoming years.

Avila's child care program originated in the fall of 1974 with hours from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. At that time, 42% of 1137 students were married. As of spring 1985, with an enrollment of 1669, 40% were married and 8% were divorced. Thus, while the number of married students has not increased, Avila has expanded the format of its child care to better meet the needs of this same number. Also notable is the number of students over age twenty-five attending Avila-820 of 1065 part-time students (77%), and 157 of 604 full time (26%). Out of total enrollment, both full and part time, 59% of Avila's students are over 25. While these figures do not reveal how many children students have, they do present a clearer image of the student body in terms of age and likelihood for having children.

Avila is not the only area college providing child care service, but it is able to hold its own in terms of affordability and convenience. At Johnson County Community College, for instance, care is provided for children on either a registered or drop-in basis. If parents register their children they can reserve up to four hours a day on specific days each week for \$1.00 per hour. The parents must pay for this time slot even if they do not use it. The drop in rate is \$1.50 per hour, but space for a child is not always available. The convenience of drop-in child care appears to be rare as both the University of Missouri Kansas City and Longview Community College require reservations.

As more adults return to college to earn a degree or to gain additional training for their present job, child care facilities will be increasing in demand and becoming a more common service. Avila has recognized and consistently responded to this need since 1974. The addition of the evening child care program proves Avila's continuing concern for and service to her students.

### REVISED AVILA EXAMINER DEADLINE SCHEDULE\*\*

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## SPECIAL SEMINARS

### Kansas City, Here it Comes!!

Everything's up to date in Kansas City! But, let's turn back the clock. Welcome to the 1920's and the 1930's and Kansas City Jazz.

**Avila College** is sponsoring **K.C. Jazz**, an innovative look at the history of jazz in Kansas City and the Southwest. The class will look into blues and ragtime through the Pendergast Era and a little beyond, emphasizing the impact K.C. jazz had on history.

The class will be held on Friday, October 18th from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, October 19th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact the weekend college office at 942-8400, Ext. 278.

### Talented Tots

So you say that your child puts on a better show than Bob Hope?! Then you will be interested in this. **Avila College** is sponsoring **Creative Drama for Young People**, a six week drama class for children ages 8-12.

The class will include theatre games, pantomime, creative movement and a performance for family and friends. Classes will be held on Wednesdays, October 16-November 20 from 3:45 PM-5:15 PM or on Saturdays, October 19-November 23 from 10 AM-Noon. For more information, contact the office of continuing education at 942-8400, Ext. 280.

### Sweet Success

It's a tough world out there and having an edge on the competition really helps. **Avila College** is presenting a **Management Series for Small Business**, a succession of workshops on various aspects of Business Management, Sales, and Marketing.

The first workshop is entitled **Strategies for Successful Sales**. This will be held on Wednesday, **October 16** from 7 pm to 9:30 pm on the **Avila College Campus**. The workshops can be attended individually or as an entire series. For more information, contact the office of continuing education at 942-8400, Ext. 280.

### Problems...Problems...Problems

Business persons-have you ever had a day when everything seemed to go wrong? If you're nodding your head yes, then fret no more. **Avila College** has come to your rescue with a one day workshop called **Conflict Resolution and Problem-Solving**. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, October 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The instructor, Paul O'Connell, MA, will cover such topics as the definition of conflict; maintaining a win/win conflict resolution; and understanding and developing team skills. The presentation will include case studies, practice in conflict and problem solving skills and role plays.

For more information, contact the Department of Continuing Education at 942-8400, Ext. 280.

### Let's Talk Computers!

Attend **Microcomputers: Beyond the Intro Phase** offered at **Avila College**. This four week course will pick up where Introduction to Computers left off. Participants should have completed the intro course or have some knowledge of computer operations. Topics include: Data Based Management, Spreadsheets and Word Processing. Learn easy techniques for using these three valuable pieces of software through a "hands-on" and "hand-holding" approach. Enrollment is limited.

Classes will meet Saturdays, October 19 through November 9 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and will be instructed by Nancy Lowrey.

For more information contact the Department of Continuing Education at 942-8400, Ext. 280.

### Processed - Cheese or Words?

We live in a world of processes, and writing hasn't escaped. Through word processing we can delete, insert, and rearrange words, sentences, and/or paragraphs without having to rewrite an entire paper. You can learn not only how to do this but also how to check your spelling and typing in a class offered on Thursdays, October 17, 24, 31, and November 7 and 14 from 6:30 PM-8:30 PM. For more information, contact the office of Continuing Education at 942-8400, Ext. 280.

### South African Issue

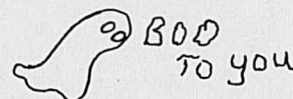
Get a first-hand perspective on injustice in South Africa from Rev. Jacob Alberts, former president of the Eastern Cape Council of Churches and Missionary to South Africa. He will address the public on the **Avila College** campus on Wednesday, October 23 at 10:00 a.m. in room 423 in the Borserine Nurse Education Centre. His talk will be followed by a question and answer session. This forum is **FREE** and the public is invited to attend.

For more information, contact Dr. Kathy Meagher at 942-8400, Ext. 269.

(The above news releases on Special Seminars were prepared by student interns in the Public Relations Office.)

## Interview for Police Officer Training

Ron Foster from the Kansas City Police Department will be on campus Tuesday, October 22nd. He will be interviewing candidates for Police Officer Training. All degrees considered. See Laura Manley for details, Human Resource Centre, Lower Blasco Hall. Ext. 266.



Wouldn't a Trick or Treat bag with a personalized message from **you** be a fun Halloween gift for a friend or sweetheart? The Avila College Student Government will be taking orders in the Snack Bar Foyer on October 28-31 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. These bags can be picked up or we will deliver them on campus all day the 31st. Say BOO!

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## You Can Save A Life

Be a lifesaver. Donate blood at the next Avila College bloodmobile Monday, October 28 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in Room 509 Whitfield. This program is cosponsored by Avila Allied Health and Avila Student Nurses in conjunction with the Community Blood Center of Greater Kansas City.

Carol Frevert, RN, is chairperson of the community service project and said the donation process is safe and simple. It includes registration, a short medical history, the actual donation and refreshments afterwards.

"The entire procedure takes less than an hour," said Ms. Frevert. "Afterward, you can proceed with normal daily activities and know that part of you continues to serve area hospital patients."

If you are 17 years of age or older, in good health, weigh at least 100 pounds, are without a history of hepatitis, epilepsy, or malignancy other than cured skin cancer, chances are you can join the lifesaving team.

The Community Blood Center of Greater Kansas City is the sole supplier of blood and blood components to sixty-nine regional

hospitals. So far, patient blood usage is 3% higher than the same period last year.

"The increased need can only be met by the continued participation of regular donors along with the addition of new ones," stated Ms. Frevert.

Avila College's commitment to regional hospital patients is to sign-up 85 donors in advance. To make a donation appointment call Carol Frevert at 942-8400 Ext. 268, or sign-up at sign up tables prior to the bloodmobile. The tables will be located in Marian Centre and O'Reilly Hall on October 21, 22, and 23.

### S.U.B. Films

**WITNESS**

Friday, October 18  
Marian Centre Lounge  
7 p.m. & 9 p.m. Shows  
Rated R

*Careful*  
He might hear you

Friday, October 25  
Marian Centre Lounge  
7 p.m. & 9:15 p.m. Shows  
Rated PG

## AMA Blowout

The American Marketing Association (AMA) will host a day of exciting events on October 17. Free cider, hot chocolate, and doughnuts will be available on the quad from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Information about AMA will be available at this time, and students will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. In case of bad weather, the location will be moved to the foyer outside the Snack Bar in Marian Centre.

A film entitled "In Search of Excellence" will be shown that evening in Marian Centre Lounge at 8:30 p.m. This film discusses what makes companies and organizations such as 3M, McDonald's, and Disneyland great.

The ideas presented in the film are interesting and enlightening not only to business students but also to others with inquisitive minds. Refreshments will be served after the film, and information about AMA will once again be distributed.

## Chaplain's Corner

By Fr. Mike Zahorchak

My last column dealt with happiness here at Avila. Today's column continues that theme in a discussion of self-esteem. But what is self-esteem? How do we get it and how do we keep it?

The dictionary defines self-esteem as: "A confidence and satisfaction with oneself." This process begins in infancy and comes from others around us - from their care and concern, their praise and appreciation. Thus, through their actions we learn that we are worthwhile and we can feel the resultant confidence and satisfaction in our lives.

While we gain our self-esteem from others, its maintenance depends greatly on our own actions. Each of us must nurture the caring started by others by appreciating ourselves, by living the kind of life and doing the kinds of things that will make us proud of ourselves.

Sometimes, however, we need reminders that we are worthwhile, reminders that motivate us to live worthwhile lives. In "Man's Purpose on Earth," the famous English scholar, Cardinal John Henry Newman who precipitated the "Second Spring" in the Catholic Church in England, wrote this moving passage:

"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission - I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught.

I shall do good; I shall do His work. Therefore I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; if I am in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him.

God does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about."

Meditation on these thoughts helps me to better grasp the well-known poster saying: GOD DON'T CREATE JUNK.

## Club Offers Stress Management Tips

Have you three tests scheduled next Monday, five term papers due, and your boss has asked you to work overtime? How does one deal with such demand? Roger Devito, Coordinator of Student Skills, will speak at the next Avila Student Social Work Club meeting about stress management.

The meeting, scheduled October 17 at 4:00 p.m. in the Barefoot Room at Marian Centre, is open to the public. Anyone wishing to attend may sign the list on the bulletin board outside the Social Science Department offices in O'Reilly Hall. The club is asking for a donation of \$2.50 to cover the cost of pizza for the dinner meeting. Don't miss the opportunity to hear this very informative speaker.

The ASSWC met September 19 in the Barefoot Room for an organizational meeting. In November the club is planning a program, which will be open to the public, on family violence with a guest speaker from Hope House. Other highlights for the upcoming year include a panel of alumni who will present information concerning job opportunities in the field of social work and who will answer questions from students, a panel of

seniors who will tell of their field study placements, and a picnic.

Any social work major is eligible to join the ASSWC. The annual dues are \$5.00. For more information contact President Geri Horman, Treasurer Lisa Desback, Communications Officer Lois Gibbs, or Sponsor Charlie Shipero in the Social Work Office.

## Ice Cream Makes SAM Famous

by Renee Beatty

SAM would like to thank all the faculty, students and Baskin Robbins for making our first annual ice cream social a big success.

SAM is the Society for the Advancement of Management for all students of any major. It is designed to emphasize the roles and techniques of management.

Meetings are planned on Mondays at 10 AM and/or also at 8:30 p.m. for the convenience of students who have conflicting schedules.

This year's officers are: President, Christie Epps; Vice-President, Janet Fischer; Treasurer, Shawn Webber; Secretary, Cindy Butler; Vice-President of Public Relations, Renee Beatty; and Vice-President of Membership, Shelley Knight.

"The theme for the year is exposure, we simply want people to know we're out there and have alot to offer," state Christie Epps. "SAM has many activities planned for the year and we hope as many students as possible will get involved."

If interested in joining, contact any of the above officers or Bob Samson in Blasco Hall.

### Women's Soccer

Saturday, September 28 v. University of Kansas - cancelled due to rain.

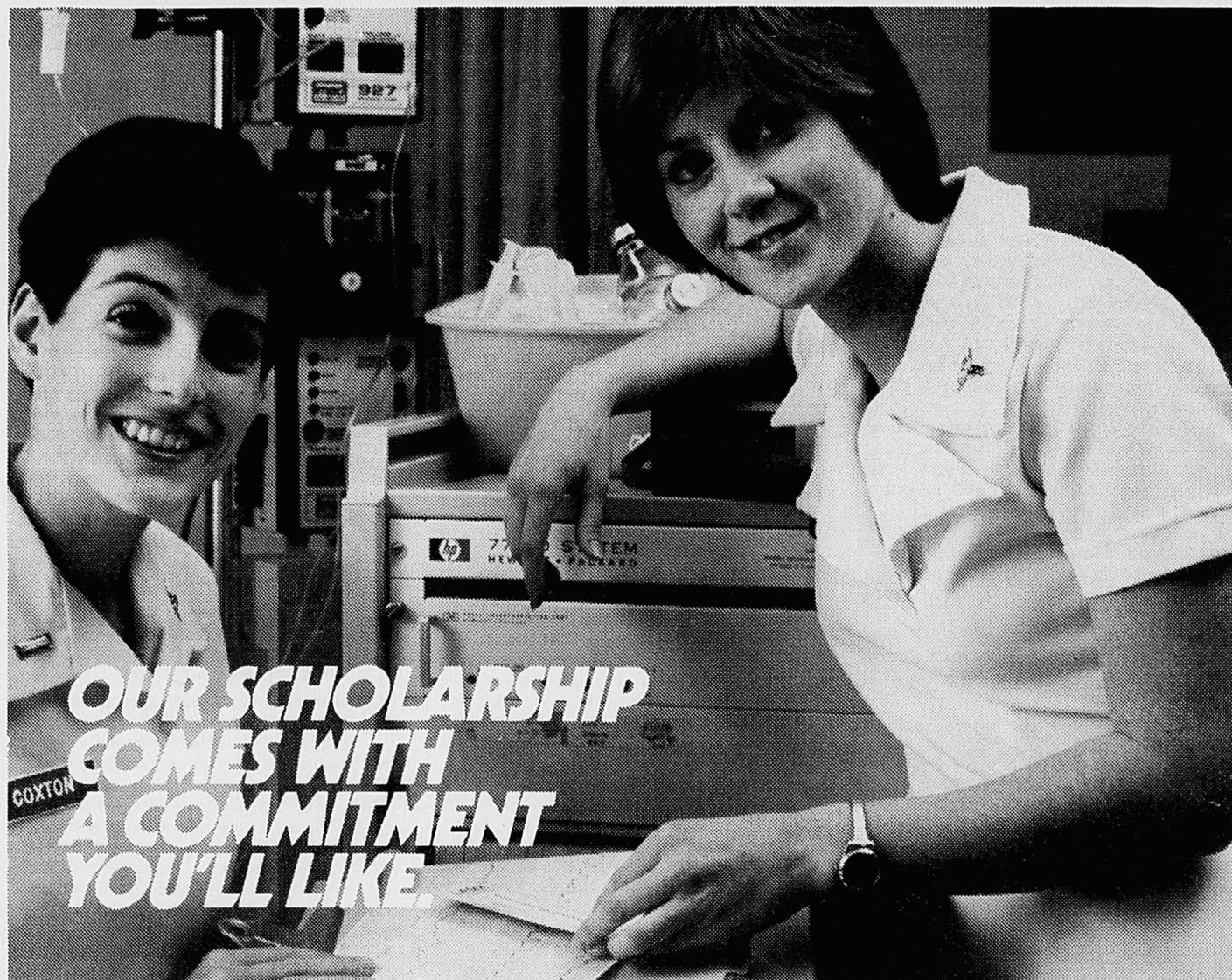
Sunday, September 29 v. Benedictine (held indoors due to weather.)

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AVILA	1	1	0	1	3
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